

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2390

Introduced by Assembly Member Chesbro

February 24, 2012

An act relating to electricity.

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AB 2390, as introduced, Chesbro. Biomass: incentive program.

Existing law authorizes the Public Utilities Commission (PUC), in consultation with the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission, to authorize electrical corporations to collect moneys for the self-generation incentive program (SGIP) at 2008 calendar year levels through December 31, 2014. Existing law requires the PUC to require electrical corporations to administer the SGIP, until January 1, 2016. Existing law limits eligibility for SGIP incentives to distributed energy resources that the PUC, in consultation with the State Air Resources Board, determines will achieve reductions in emissions of greenhouse gases pursuant to the California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006.

This bill would state legislative findings and declarations regarding the use of waste products from forest thinning and fire prevention activities to generate electricity at biomass facilities. The bill would state the intent of the legislature to establish an incentive program to compensate biomass facilities for processing waste associated with forest thinning and fire prevention activities.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. (a) The Legislature finds and declares all of the
2 following:
3 (1) Prudent forest thinning and fire prevention activities are
4 important for protecting public safety.
5 (2) The utility of fire prevention activities can be supplemented
6 by harnessing the energy potential of waste products from those
7 activities and generating electricity at biomass generation facilities.
8 (b) It is the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to
9 establish an incentive program to compensate biomass facilities
10 for processing waste associated with forest thinning and fire
11 prevention activities.

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